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FIRST QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION DOWN

WEST VIRGINIA -- Milk production in West Virginia totaled 56 million pounds during the January - March quarter of 2003. This was down 6 million pounds from the same quarter last year and 1 million pounds below the October - December 2002 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 15,000 head, unchanged from the previous quarter, but down 1,000 head from the same quarter last year.

UNITED STATES -- Milk production in the U.S. during the January-March quarter totaled 43.0 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from the January-March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.16 million head, 43,000 head more than the same period last year.

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